Regional Champions: Person specification and role overview 2023

**Person specification**

- Committed to facilitating connections between the Academy, the local biomedical community and other relevant organisations
- Has a good overview of the Academy’s work and its impacts
- Excellent interpersonal skills
- Connected to both local and national scientific networks
- Willing to embrace new ideas and approaches, share ideas and learn from others
- Excellent communication skills, including as an experienced and regular user of digital communication tools.

**Role overview**

At present, the remit of the Champions is flexible so that Fellows can respond to the needs of their region. Suggested activities might include:

- Hosting regional engagement events such as discussion events, careers meetings, scientific lectures and social events.
- Identifying grassroots issues, gathering intelligence from local initiatives and horizon scanning future challenges.
- Supporting an increase in the diversity of candidate nominations and celebrating the election of new Fellows in that region.
- Providing guidance on the Fellowship election process to potential candidates
- Cascading calls for information, evidence or support from the Academy’s working groups or committees.
- Disseminating Academy outputs and reports, funding calls and nominations for schemes.
- Providing input into the Academy’s broader strategy and operations from a regional perspective.

Champions will be expected to deliver **some** of these activities and will be free to suggest alternatives. Champions are asked to feed back on impacts to the Academy and share experiences with other champions via one meeting a year (usually spring) and via periodic e-mails or hybrid meetings in between.

Champions will be supported by the Regional Engagement Manager, Rubana Hussein, underpinned by a formal induction, additional resources and training, and connections to relevant staff members across the Academy.

The Regional Champions will serve a tenure of three years in the first instance. The positions in the areas advertised will be effective December 2023–December 2026.